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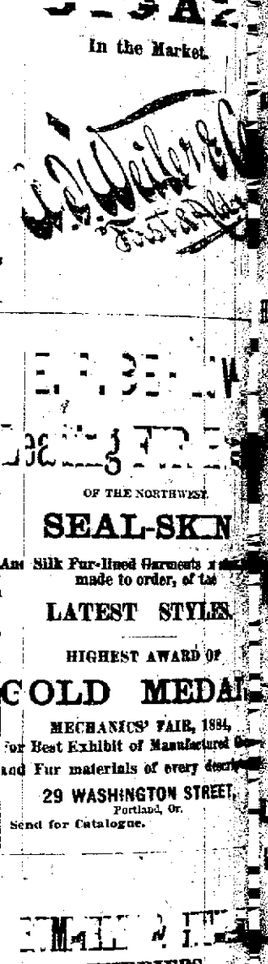

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GENERAL NEWS.

Rumored Formation of a Great Telegraph Syndicate.

A BIG FIRE AT MINNEAPOLIS.

More about the Sharon-Hill Divorce Case Decision—News from Alaska and British Columbia—Nine Notes.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—The *Tribune* has the following: Chicago local telegraph circles are again alive with reports of the formation of a new and powerful telegraph syndicate, which it is said will enter, during the early part of the new year, actively into opposition to the Western Union. John W. Mackay, of the Postal company, Robert Garrett, of the Baltimore and Ohio, and James Gordon Bennett and local elders of the Bankers' and Merchants' Company, are said to be the moving spirits in the enterprise. These combined interests include over 200,000 miles of wire now in operation, and representing a plant valued at about $30,000,000, which, by addition of some new working capital and a "stock-watering" process known to the organizers of syndicates, will swell the nominal capital of the organization to $60,000,000. Prominent telegraph men, claiming to be well informed, assert that the new deal was fixed at a conference held in New York between Mackay, Garrett, Bennett and bondholders of the Bankers' and Merchants', prior to the late departure of Messrs. Mackay and Bennett to Europe, to look after their cable interests. These active members of the syndicate are represented to have been awaiting legal decisions involving the stability of some of the Bankers' and Merchants' leases before closing the deal and embarking publicly in telegraph competition on a vast scale.

ADJUSTING DIFFERENCES.

There are minor differences of a local nature, confined mainly to Chicago and New York, between the Bankers and Merchants, the Baltimore and Ohio and the Postal companies, arising from complications of the recent pool, but the presence in this city the last few days of Mr. Edward Wheeler of New York, Mr. Mackay's confidential agent, is considered a guarantee that they will be amicably adjusted without recourse to the courts.

Colonel Clowry of the Western Union, was interviewed regarding the reported organization of the syndicate. He thought it was much easier to organize syndicates on paper than to procure business for competing lines. Even if such combination should be perfected it would not effect any sudden reduction in Western Union rates. The policy of the Western Union had been a gradual reduction of rates as the earnings of the company increased.

Mr. Mason, Colonel Clowry's assistant, said he had heard recently of efforts on the part of Messrs. Mackay and Bennett, Garrett, Moll and G. W. Childs of Philadelphia, to induce Powderly, president of the Knights of Labor, to instigate another strike among the Western Union operators, in order to force the company to grant certain concessions, but that the move had collapsed with out result.

CLEVELAND'S FUTURE MOVEMENTS.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 25.—Governor Cleveland has rented the residence of Mrs. J. O. Towner, on Willett street, this city, for two months, from the 1st of January. After his resignation on the 6th of January, Cleveland will attend a charity ball at Buffalo, given for the benefit of an institute of which he laid the corner stone, while he was mayor of that city. He will then return to Albany, and reside at the Towner house until March 4, when he will go to Washington, accompanied by his sister, Miss Cleveland, who will be lady of the White house. During the last days of January, or the first days of February, Cleveland will visit New York, and remain there probably a week. He has been anxious to accept the invitation of the Iroquois club to visit Chicago before inauguration day, but he has concluded not to do so, a conclusion to which he has been forced by the circumstances of his position, and at which he arrived with regret.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Pacific coast, partly cloudy weather and occasional rains.

CRIMINAL CALENDAR.

EXPRESS AGENT SHOT AND ROBBED.

DES MOINES, Dec. 25.—Last night the train on the Des Moines and Southern railway was late and did not arrive at Panora until 8:30. W. C. Harvey, United States express agent at that point, received a package of $3,000, consigned to the bank at Panora. He placed the money in his inside coat pocket and started to deliver it. He stopped at his boarding house and visited a outhouse. In a moment a man grabbed him by the throat and attempted to take the money. Harvey threw up his left arm for protection, when the robber shot, shattering the arm just below the shoulder, and grabbed the money and escaped. A crowd gathered and were soon in pursuit, but the robber was no caught at last accounts.

A THIEF ARRESTED.

LAWRENCE, Kas., Dec. 25.—Otto Muller, alias John Tepper, who robbed the college safe at St. Mary's, Kansas, last Tuesday night, was captured here to-day as he was boarding a train for the east. Over $1600 of the money stolen was recovered. Muller is a hard character, and it is thought by the officers that he is wanted in Lehigh, Germany, for a serious offense. A confederate, for whom he had given over $500 of the stolen money, was also arrested.

COUNTERFEITER ARRESTED.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 25.—Ogle, a noted counterfeiter, was arrested here to-day by M. G. Bauer, of the United States secret service. Three thousand dollars in $10 counterfeits on the Third National bank of Cincinnati were found on his person. Ogle has already served terms in the penitentiaries of New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania for counterfeiting. He was discharged from the latter in July, 1883, since which time he has been following his old trade.

SPORTING NOTES.

BICYCLE RACES AT THE COOS.

COOS, Dec. 25.—Heron's bicycle club gave a series of amateur races, at various distances, in the exposition building this afternoon. The track is seven laps to the mile. The racing was the best yet seen here. In connection with the day's sport was a race for the professional championship of the United States, fifteen miles, for $100 a side, between J. S. Prince, champion of America, and William Woodside, champion of Ireland. The race was contested every inch of the way, neither participant allowing his opponent to secure a decided lead at any point, and they were going at each other throughout the race. On the last lap Prince took the lead and won by six feet. Time, 55 minutes 9½ seconds. Woodside's time was a quarter of a second slower.

CHICAGO WANTS A PRIZE FIGHT.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—The *Inter-Ocean* says: The recent decision of New York courts, which legalizes sparring exhibitions in the Empire city has caused sports here to take fresh heart, and every effort is being made to have the postponed four rounds contest between the American champion, John L. Sullivan, and Paddy Ryan decided in this city. Dominick McCaffrey is still here and announces his readiness to meet either one of these heavy weights, with or without gloves and light or English.

ACCIDENTS.

A STEAMER SINKS A SHIP.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—The steamer Cornwall in leaving port for Bristol, England, ran into the ship Lucety, off Inder, at anchor off Bedlo's island. The ship sunk in twenty minutes, and all the crew were saved. The Lucety was a total to sail for Rio on the Cornwall was uninjured.

RAILROAD NOTES.

THE FLURRY AT ST. LOUIS.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 25.—The *Globe-Democrat* will print the following to-morrow, in reference to the recent railroad flurry here: The grievance committee of that part of the motherhood of locomotive engineers operating over the Gould system met still in this city, and presumably in session, but can do little since all their business or the result they aim to accomplish, only those who are in their confidence know. All newspaper men are out of this number. P. M. Arthur, chief of the national organization, arrived today, and remained at his room constantly. He refused to see anyone, and in answer to an urgent request for an interview sent to a public reporter said:

THE FIRE RECORD.

ST. BLAZE AT MINNEAPOLIS.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 25.—The five-story brick building on Hennepin and Washington avenues, occupied as offices and also as rooms of the law library of the Minneapolis bar association, was burned this afternoon. Total loss $210,000, total insurance $150,000.

FAILURES.

AN INDIANA BANKING HOUSE.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 25.—The Laporte Savings Bank closed its doors yesterday, and was placed in charge of a receiver both Eastern. The assets are about $90,000; liabilities, $75,000. Sutherland, the president, says depositors will be paid in full.

PACIFIC COAST.

CALIFORNIA.

MORE ABOUT THE SHARON-HILL DECISION.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25.—Special.—The decision of Judge Sullivan in the Sharon-Hill case was a surprise to almost everybody, but it has been received with great satisfaction by the people. It fills twelve closely-printed columns, and while it awards the case to plaintiff, brands her as a perjurer and an abandoned woman. Colonel Barnes, Sharon's attorney, is censured severely, and George W. Tyler, attorney for plaintiff, comes in for a terrible scathing. Barnes himself is shown up in a truthful manner. The decision is forcible to its calm dignity, and admirable for its literary style. Judge Sullivan does not decide what is community property, but leaves that question for settlement by further proceedings in court. Sharon's wealth amounts to at least $20,000,000, largely invested in city property. He owns fifty buildings, among them the Palace and the Grand hotels, besides he holds a large block of stock in the Bank of California, and large interests in gas, water and other stock companies. Colonel Barnes said to-day that while Sharon's wealth was vast, the community property was small, and would amount, in fact, to only a few thousand dollars. This is the statement of an attorney, and should, of course, be received with the allowance due a partisan claim. The case will, of course, be appealed. It is estimated that it has already cost Sharon $250,000.

PERSONAL.

Special.—Wall Henderson has arrived here, en route home, after a visit of several months in the east and south. He hails just now from Florida, via New Orleans, where he witnessed the opening of the world's fair. He expects to sail for Portland on the 30th.

Ralph Bremner and D. D. Wilcox will sail next Tuesday.

The sailing of the Portland steamer advertised for to-morrow has been postponed till Friday.

STILL RAINING.

Special.—Rain fell during last night only, letting up at daylight. It began again at 4 this afternoon and is coming down thick and fast, with a prospect of making a month's night of it. There are serious fears of floods in the interior. The blockade on the northern road continues and mails are still delayed.

ALASKA.

LATEST NEWS FROM JUNEAU.

VICTORIA, Dec. 22.—Late arrivals from Alaska bring the following advices:

The miners have gone into winter quarters at Juneau, and everything is very dull there, the only work going on being the sinking of the 120 stamp quartz mill on Douglass island, which is progressing as far as the weather will permit.

Mr. George E. Pilz has succeeded in getting another victim. This time it is Mr. Lillian, whom he has to believe that he had some very valuable mining property at Juneau. He sold to Mr. Lillian some fifty location and Mr. Lillian arrived on the steamer with a five stamp mill, only to find that he had been swindled by this silk Pilz, who does not own any of the property he sold and deeded to Lillian.

There are about thirty miners getting out for the Yukon, for which point they intend to start in the early spring.

The weather has been clear and cold for the last three weeks, with strong gales from the northeast.

NEVADA.

A MERCHANT MURDERED.

WINNEMUCCA, Dec. 25.—H. H. Scott, a prominent citizen of this county, was murdered in his store at Paradise Valley. He remained in the store after his partner and clerk had left, to close it up, and while engaged in doing so was shot in the side by somebody concealed in the building. A double-barrel shotgun was lying on the floor near him, and bloody tracks were on the floor. The shotgun was recognized as one that had been borrowed that day by a young man named Clarence Grey, who is missing. Several parties started in pursuit, but up to this time have not succeeded in finding him. There is great excitement, both here and at Paradise, and if Grey is captured he will be freely talked of.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

NEWS ITEMS FROM VICTORIA.

VICTORIA, Dec. 25.—Snow, about six inches, a fresh fall, commenced to-day, but there are symptoms of a break in the weather.

The steam schooner Grace is reported lost on Gossip Island. Thirty bales worth of this goods. All hands were saved.

The steamer Enterprise ran on a rock, and struck a hole in her bottom, but managed to reach port.

Christmas is generally observed by the people. The funeral of Leopold Lowenberg, a well known pioneer, was numerously attended.

Newfoundland mail has been received here for eight days. Victoria's passengers are blockaded at Wallula.

FOREIGN DISPATCHES.

FRANCE.

CHRISTMAS ON THE CONTINENT.

PARIS, Dec. 25.—The day was dull for Christmas, except among the Germans. Itinerants are selling a politics toy, representing Bismarck and Ferry on bracing.

In Vienna the day was unusually gloomy, owing to the bad condition of trade and damp weather.

In Berlin the usual festivities were held in the imperial palace Christmas eve. The emperor gave presents to the whole household. The empress receives Bismarck and wife.

ANARCHIST NEWSPAPER MEN SENTENCED.

MARSEILLES, Dec. 25.—The editor and manager of the anarchist paper *La Revanche* have been sentenced respectively to imprisonment for one year and eight months for inciting to plunder during the cholera epidemic.

CANADA.

THE CANADA PACIFIC'S PROSPECTS.

MONTREAL, Dec. 25.—General Manager Van Horne, of the Canada Pacific railroad, says arrangements for the Lachine bridge are not far enough advanced to talk of a contract. Funds are awaiting for this and other parts of the Canada Pacific, and until the bonds of the Ontario & Quebec railway are floated there is no hope for the Lachine bridge or the loop line from Smith's Falls to Montreal.

MANITOBA'S CLAIMS.

OTTAWA, Dec. 25.—Among the claims preferred by the premier of Manitoba against the Dominion government is one for $240,000, for expenses incurred by the Manitoba government in contesting the boundary question before the imperial council.

ENGLAND.

OPPOSITION TO GERMANY'S SCHEME.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—Tasmania and Queensland have joined Victoria in a protest against annexation by Germany of a portion of New Guinea and adjoining islands, but the other colonies of New South Wales and Australia have refused to join. The Australian press generally expresses indignation at the action of Germany.

BISMARCK'S RESPONSIBILITY.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—The *Morning Post's* Berlin dispatch says it is impossible for Bismarck to leave Berlin or Varzin at present. He personally controls all business, and will not trust any of the ministers to act on their own responsibility. A direct wire connects Bismarck's office with the foreign office at Vienna. It is no exaggeration to say that he controls Austro-Hungarian politics.

THE WAR IN CHINA.

WAR NOTES FROM SHANGHAI.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—A dispatch from Shanghai says 35,000 Chinese troops, under Li Hung Chang, are massed at Peiho. The works at Port Arthur, gulf of Po Chi Li, built by German artillery officers, make the strongest fortress in north China. The works are mounted with heavy Krupp and Nordenfeldt guns. The entrance to the port is guarded with torpedoes.

The Chinese have warned the French that they intend to maintain attack.

Letters from the Peiyang fleet at Kelung state that Admiral Courbet is ill and worried over his forced inaction.

GERMANY.

SECRET CONVENTION BETWEEN FRANCE AND GERMANY.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—A Berlin correspondent says there now exists a secret convention between France and Germany, in accordance with which France is allowed unlimited colonization in Morocco and Tonquin, and Germany, while respecting French possessions in Africa is at liberty to annex territory anywhere not affecting French interests.

BOHEMIA.

HEAVY FAILURES.

PRAGUE, Dec. 25.—The liabilities of the Bohemian Land and Credit Company, just suspended, are 23,000,000 florins. The assets exceed this amount, but it will be difficult to collect them. Many small banks are involved, and some ruined.

SOUTH AMERICA.

EXTENSIVE HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS.

BUENOS AYRES (via Galveston), Dec. 25.—According to the terms of the contract for the construction of harbor improvements, at a cost of $20,000,000, a second canal will be made in the roadstead.

AUSTRIA.

MORE HEAVY FAILURES.

VIENNA, Dec. 25.—The discount bank at Laybach, Carinthia, has failed. Liabilities, 1,500,000 florins.

Two sugar factories at Sudsko have stopped work.

THE HOTELS.

ST. CHARLES.

H C Sheldon, Dayton / Fred Goetz, Dayton
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I F Jones, S F / T T Cann, Astoria
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J D Grist, Tacoma / E R Glostor, do
R Shore, do / W F Preston, Astoria
Miss C A Shore, Tacoma / Mrs H A Bridges, Colby
C Bennett, Columbia City / A Karle, Astoria

SHIPPING NOTES.

THURSDAY, Dec. 25.

The str Idaho sailed from Port Townsend yesterday for this port.

The barkentine Mohican is in Astoria with general cargo from San Francisco.

The ship Chilkat, iron, 980 tons, has arrived at Astoria, in ballast, from Callao. She comes seeking and is consigned to John Reid & Co.

SNAPPED UP THIEVES.

The report that the Bartholdi statue is to be cast out in Paris is denied—no foundation whatever for it.—*Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.*

"Sis, do the Esquimaux live on ice?" "Yes, my child very largely." "And is oil fat?" "Yes." "Well, the Esquimaux is to us the fat of the land, then, don't they?"—*Boston Times.*

"Are you taking down the speeches verbatim?" inquired a smiling individual of a reporter at a political meeting. "Oh no," replied the young man. "I have to have some respect for the speakers to do that."—*N. Y. Tomcat.*

It is not considered positive proof that Emerson was an Irishman simply because he wrote, "I like a thrush: I like a cowl; I like a prophet of no soul," though the rhyme might lead one to think so.—*Boston Transcript.*

Doctor—Well, how are we to-day? Patient—Oh I've had a miserable day, doctor. Doctor—Is your wife says you haven't groaned at all to-day, while yesterday— Patient—Good reason: thought there wasn't anybody around. This woman is always taking an unfair advantage of me.

"Oh, dear," sighed a farmer's wife, wearily, as she dropped into a chair after a hard day's work. "I feel just as if I were going to be sick. My head, hands, and my back aches, and—" "Hush!" interrupted the farmer, starting up and sniffing his hat, "that reminds me. I forgot to give the two-year-old colt his condition powders to-night, and he's been a wheezin' all day," and he hurried to the barn.

Knew What It Was Himself.

"Waiter," said a man at dinner, "there's a piece of coal mixed with the potatoes on this table-cloth." "Yes, sir," said the waiter, "it was there before I was born, sir." "What kind of a watch do you carry?" "A patent lever, sir." "Will you tell me, without any compliments, that if he wants to catch the 5 o'clock train I've got to run?" "A patent lever can't do that, sir." "Will you tell me, without any compliments, that if he wants to catch the 5 o'clock train I've got to run?" "A patent lever can't do that, sir." "Will you tell me, without any compliments, that if he wants to catch the 5 o'clock train I've got to run?" "A patent lever can't do that, sir."

A writer in the *Atlantic* contributors' club says that writers for magazines usually prefer that editors shall write yes or no—when manuscripts are offered to them editorial—without going into the whys or wherefores.

Mr. Smythe—"Kit," Miss Astafelda, is a slang word used to signify a child.

Miss Brown—Oh, yes; for instance, Mandie here is a kit.

Miss Bland (who reveals the situation)—Yes, for instance, Arabella's a kit.—*Boston Transcript.*

"Mamma," said four-year old, as she stood on tiptoe by the bedside and peered at her new little brother, "where did that baby come from?" "The angels brought him, darling," said mamma.

"Oh, I wish I had it gone out to play this morning." But how did the angels know you wanted him? "Oh, I guess you must have written them a letter, or, if the wind was there taken it and blowed it right up to heaven and then the angels got the letter. I wonder how they got in when they brought him? Did you open the window for them?"—*Boston Globe.*

It is a waste of time for General Gordon and others like him to argue that the white people of the south wish well to their colored friends, and mean to treat them well, and have no desire whatever to do any harm to them, and all that sort of thing. There were 347,000 males of the voting age in Georgia four years ago; 150,000 of them managed to get their votes counted. When General Gordon finds time to expl in this circumstance, he will enlighten the public more than he has been able to so far.—*New York Tribune.*

The Garden of Eden.

It is reported site of the Garden of Eden, at the junction of the Tigris and Euphrates, is now a sterile tract, where the only vegetable life consists of a clump of date trees near a very small and dirty village called Gurna, at which the Turks maintain a garrison and telegraph office. The inhabitants point out to strangers the tree of knowledge—a most sickly specimen, bearing a small green berry which would cause a goat to turn away in disgust.

CONDITION OF TRADE.

A Report from San Francisco and Other Cities.

The Lesson Taught by the Depression in Business—No Change in General Trade Throughout the Country.

SAN FRANCISCO Call, Dec. 25.

We are now near the close of what has been a very dull and unsatisfactory year. The past six months have been excessively quiet in all branches of trade, and the farmer, merchant, manufacturer and workingman have suffered alike. There has been no panic, but a dry rot seems to have attacked the commercial world. The dry rot is overproduction, and the only thing that saved us from a widespread panic was the unusually heavy crops all over the world. We have passed through, or perhaps to speak more correctly, are now passing through, a singular condition of affairs. Money is plentiful and cheap, the world's crops of breadstuffs are very large, and still times are dull. We must wait until we have reduced the large stocks of merchandise on hand before we can expect livelier times. This stagnation has done considerable good in an indirect way. It has been a blessing in disguise. It has given the mercantile element a lesson in caution, and the world in general one in economy. Merchants who, two or three years ago, laid in a heavy stock and conducted business on a grand scale, are now content to buy just what they need and no more, and to make a reasonable profit. The man who spent a dollar carelessly a year ago, now looks at it twice before letting it go. If this lesson be not forgotten, as soon as good times return then the depression in trade will not have been without good results. The reaction may not be very far off, after all. Production has been largely curtailed, and stocks of merchandise are by no means as heavy as they were six months ago, and there are many chances for investment now open to men of means; but they have been frightened and are now overcautious as they were overconfident a year ago. Trade, despite the depression, is now on a more substantial basis than it has been for many a day.

THAT BASIS IS CAUTION,

And it is to be hoped that it will continue. But it is man's nature to forget the experiences of the past, and when once the wheels of commerce are merrily whirling again it will be the same old story of extravagance and recklessness until another "hard times" brings us to a sudden halt.

The situation east shows no particular change. A New York financial paper thus describes it: "The movement of wheat last week, both to interior and eastern points, although less than the previous week, is nevertheless fully equal to that of the corresponding period in 1883. Of course the visible supply is increasing, and is large when compared with 1883 and 1882, but this is not surprising, considering the heavy crop that will have to be marketed. Corn is also beginning to arrive with greater freedom, and within another fortnight this enormous crop will no doubt be in active motion, with beneficial results in many directions. The cotton market has undergone but slight changes, the movement of the crop being comparatively large, especially for export, which is now 154,000 bales greater than at this date last year. Speculation has been less active because of the partial corner in cotton that existed last week has been liquidated, but values for spot have been firmly maintained. The export movement of both cereals and cotton is satisfactory, both in view of the present condition of the markets here and abroad, and the competition with last year. The export demand for our produce is certainly being maintained, while our imports are falling off, as may be judged from the fact that the total value of dry goods imported since January 1 up to date is $75,000,000 less than during the corresponding period in 1883.

THE HOME JOBBING TRADE

Remains quiet, with dry goods less active than last week. Groceries quiet, and the general list showing a slower movement. There has been no important change in the industrial situation. Iron and coal are still working out the problem of restricting production, and the cutting of prices of iron, resulting from keen competition, creates a gloomy feeling; but this has been going on for many years, attracting perhaps less attention, but none the less a potent factor in the existing condition of affairs. Pig iron is not as low now as it was in 1877, while as manufactured goods down to that basis, and accordingly the adjustment referred to above is both natural and necessary. As yet there have been no substantial signs of recuperation in any department. Fluctuations in the speculative markets have been brought about by manipulation, and although the feeling is no doubt improving, the public is not yet prepared to buy or speculate in stocks or merchandise."

The imports of merchandise at New York since January 1, are now about $33,425,000 less than during the corresponding period in 1883, while the exports are $29,500,000 less. The New York money market has shown no material change for some weeks. The surplus reserve of the banks is steadily increasing. Currency is still leaving it there from the western states, but there is some inquiry from the south, which is being supplied with silver certificates. The banks are adjusting the personal necessity made to establish the maximum rate of interest paid on deposits at 2 per cent. per annum, and it is expected the shift tend to the withdrawal of considerable money held there on account of out-of-town banks and other institutions that have a large balance on deposit. The demand for loanable funds has been quickened to some extent by the more active condition of the stock market, and slightly higher rates for cash loans have prevailed. Commercial paper continues quite with moderate offerings, and the best indorsements negotiable at 4@5 per cent., which is lower rate than San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO MONEY LOANS.

Are quotable at 8 per cent. as the general figure, with 10@12 per cent. as the extremes. The savings banks loan 6@7 per cent. on city real estate. Money was firmer last week, and the disposition was to charge the top rate on all loans.

The merchandise and produce markets showed few changes. Wheat was by no means as active as during the preceding week, still there was quite a respectable movement at an average of 87 7-8@87 7-8 per ctl. for No. 1. The Chicago and Liverpool markets were weak and declining, and of course this market dropped in sympathy. The latter seemed to produce no perceptible effect, as it was immediately followed by a falling barometer and rain was expected, which would, of course, counteract the effects of the cold winds. Freights have been firm, but quiet, and the few changes in rates have been in favor of the ships. The general figure for wheat to Cork is 22s 6d. Barley is of course unsettled. The carnival, which used to be a legitimate article of commerce, is now little more than a football for speculators.

STOCKS OF GRAIN AND BOOMS

Regardless of the law of supply and demand, and even the weather has little or no effect on it. The oat market continues excessively weak. Supplies are pouring in from Oregon and Washington territory, and although they are warehoused as a general thing for speculation on oat, still they are supplies, and of course keep the market weak. Dealers report sales hard to make except in the case of choice, which finds a full demand. Feedstuffs are selling well. The cold weather injured the grass which started early after the heavy October rain, and dairymen are now resorting to middlings, bran, alfalfa meal, etc., for feed. Bran is especially firm and in good demand at high prices. The wool market has been in better shape for several weeks and dealers have been enabled to reduce stocks somewhat; still, trade is done too good and prices are no higher. The hide and leather men are loudly complaining of dull times. In the east the depression is greater than it is here, and tanneries are shutting down right and left. The hide market is very quiet and weak, and dealers say they expect still lower prices. Cured provisions are also quiet and very soft, and hams, bacon, lard and pork have been declining almost daily for several weeks. The drop in sugar has now ceased to be talked about, but it was the sensation of the street for several days. It brought the price of refined sugars the lowest prices ever known here, although the preceding rates were the lowest up to that time. Sugar, as has already been mentioned in this column, is in enormous supply all over the world, and the stocks are far in excess of the demand. In fact

THE DEPRESSION

Has been so great and the prices so low that many Cuban planters have temporarily, at least, abandoned sugar culture. At the same time the product of the Hawaiian islands has increased four-fold during the last few years. Again, the beet-root sugar industry has been rapidly growing in Europe. This crop has also been very heavy of late, and it is said there is now enough visible to supply the best sugar markets for two years. All hands engaged in the production of sugar have lost money. Many planters have become discouraged and several large refineries in this country have recently suspended. Coffee is in little better demand, chiefly for local consumption, and prices show no change. Rice is in lighter supply and prices are slowly hardening. There is a good stock of tea on hand and the market is quiet. The inquiry is principally for medium and common grades. Foreign salt is in heavy supply and weak. Paints and oils are quiet. Salmon has exhibited no particular change for a fortnight or more. Stocks are not heavy but the demand is slack. The dry weather has rendered trade in hardware and farming tools very dull. Tobacco is still in limited demand and cigars are quiet. The cigar manufacturers say that if the Spanish-American treaty be ratified it will cause a considerable reduction of duties on cigars and leaf tobacco, and this causes much uneasiness among producers of high-grade domestic cigars. They further assert that in the event of the ratification of the treaty no cigars exceeding $50 per thousand in valuation can be manufactured in this country.

THE COAST COLLIERIES

Are still sending liberal supplies to this market, and the coalyards are full. Business is quiet. A private circular says: "There is some difficulty in getting Scotch coal, West Hartley and Higginson's Brymbo coals shipped, as the insurance companies are demanding double last year's rates on the grounds of their combustibility, being unadapted for long voyages, and the customs authorities should permit coal-carriers to leave their hatches open on arrival here, as there is no question that certain cargoes have become heated through lack of ventilation after their arrival. Cable quotations received last week from Australia indicate a small advance in coal freights from that section." The same

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A QUESTION OF AMERICAN POLICY

A dispatch from Washington, dated the 5th, speculations and opinions concerning the Nicaragua treaty, says that the problem now confronting the democratic party is, how shall the treaty be dealt with? It is believed that the senate will ratify the treaty. But to carry the measure into effect an appropriation of [illegible] necessary, and there is hardly a doubt that the house of [illegible] the treaty is ratified, will refuse to appropriate a dollar to build the canal. Meantime a [illegible] cent diplomatic field is opened for the new administration in the discussion of the question of the Clayton Bulwer treaty and the [illegible] ing of the Monroe doctrine with the governments of England and France.

Should the senate ratify the treaty it will be a great political and financial blunder if the part of the house to refuse to vote the money necessary to fulfill the treaty. It would be unstable that would probably result in the democratic party losing its ascendency in the country. The subject is one that appeals to the [illegible] pride of the American people. It is vital to the national interests. [illegible] prize of American statesmanship. It is regarded with jealousy [illegible] by England and France and also because there is reason to fear that this act only will the United States have the only thing that can prevent the Nicaragua highway from falling under the control of one or the other of those powers. The French canal cannot but be remembered [illegible] Panama already.

While we as a nation have not been invited into the international councils of Europe we have asserted our right to take a leading part in the councils of American nations, and we have, as we felt bound to do by reason of our geographical position, our superior strength, and the great interest we have in the peace and prosperity of our neighbors from time to time exercised a watchful and friendly care over the interests of the nations of this hemisphere. We have asserted the principle that the strong and aggressive powers of Europe should not by our consent disturb the autonomy of any American nation nor by colonization or otherwise obtain practical control over any part of any one of these nations, nor interfere in the relations they sustain toward each other. We have said that the American isthmus should not be severed by a ship canal unless the United States should have at least some control over it. We have gone further than that. We have objected to the Colombian government seeking guarantees of the freedom and neutrality of the canal at the Panama isthmus from European governments, and we have insisted that all the guarantees in respect of the free use of such a canal should be from the United States alone. We have objected to alliances between American powers and European powers unless such alliances should be under the supervisory control of our government. Our pretensions as the regulating force, the controlling and advisory power among American nations, have been put forth with great force and persistence, sometimes with an energy and vehemence which showed the earnestness of our intentions and the character of the active guardianship which we have assumed over the affairs of our American neighbors. All this has been done in pursuance of the policy or idea that goes under the title of the "Monroe doctrine"—a doctrine which has been sometimes asserted with great apparent frankness and force, sometimes in the form of a weak protest against the encroachments of European powers upon the territory or autonomy of American states, and sometimes it has been so feebly and doubtfully asserted that its total abandonment seemed to be meditated by more than one administration. However, our people have held always to the idea or the policy that goes under that designation, and on any appeal to them upon it the party upholding the doctrine would certainly be sustained.

The venerable Dr. Woolsey, America's greatest authority on international law, has given a history of the Monroe doctrine and stated its objects and bearings. It was a name given to a declaration of the policy of the United States in regard to the interference of European powers in the political affairs of this continent, made by President Monroe in a message to congress in 1823. It had been understood that at the congress of Verona in 1822, at which most European nations had participated, a project had been discussed of aiding Spain to recover her dominion over her revolted American colonies. This was in accord with the absolutists' principle of combining to prevent revolution and all political changes proceeding from the people against the "divine right" of hereditary rulers. A revolutionary government had gained a footing in Spain, and France was ready in 1823 to invade that country for the purpose of suppressing the revolutionists and restoring the power of the old dynasty; and it was apprehended that the next step might be an attempt to subjugate the Spanish colonies, some of which we had recognized as independent states. Hence upon President Monroe, in his annual message delivered in December, 1823, said: "We should consider any attempt on the part of European powers to extend their system to any portion of this hemisphere as dangerous to our peace and safety." Further: "We could not view any interposition for the purpose of oppressing American states, or controlling in any manner their destiny by any European power in any other light than as a manifestation of an unfriendly disposition toward the United States; and also that the "American continents by the free and independent condition which they have assumed and maintain are henceforth not to be considered as subjects for future colonization by any European power." Dr. Woolsey thinks that the declaration against interference of any of the European powers with the independence or form of government of American states is sound, but he doubts whether the declaration against colonization does not push the doctrine further than the people of the United States will [illegible] approve.

It is plain, however, that this would depend greatly on circumstances. Colonization might be possible so far as to constitute a difference, and the outlay of a vast sum of money by any foreign nation in such an enterprise as an inter-oceanic canal would certainly bring the state thereby [illegible] and possessions very much under the influence of the [illegible] which [illegible] so [illegible] a [illegible] control over [illegible] interests would [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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MEMOIR OF A PIONEER.

By Rev. Geo. H. Atkinson, D. D.

Hon. Walter Fish, late of Oregon City, died at The Dalles November 19, 1884, aged 66 years, 11 months and 25 days. He was born in the parish of Accrington, near Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Nov. 25, 1817. His parents moved to New York in 1823. In 1843 he went west to the territory of Iowa. He was united in marriage with Miss Catharine Leahy February 13, 1845. May 1, 1847, with wife and child he started to Oregon, arriving here September 5, 1847.

He resided in or near Oregon City till March 6, 1883, when retiring from mercantile business, on account of declining health, he moved to The Dalles, if possible, to regain strength and enjoy a much-needed relaxation from toil.

FAMILY.

Nine children were added to these parents. His widow and six children survive him, four daughters, all married, and two sons, also several grandchildren. His oldest son, Joseph Fish, died while a member of Pacific university. He was one of its most promising students.

INDUSTRY.

The writer of this memorial became acquainted with Mr. Fish in June, 1848, as we lived on adjoining blocks in Oregon City. He was a man of remarkable industry, always living within his means, yet striving like other pioneers to make a comfortable home for himself and family.

In 1849 or '50 he secured a large claim, including a part of Baker's prairie, and a long range of wood and timber land along the Willamette river. His house overlooked the river at the high bluff, where the county road and railroad come to the river from the prairie. There he set out a large orchard and annually gathered many hundreds of boxes of fruit for the market. He cleared many acres of rich bottom land mostly with his own hands, and reaped abundant harvests. His children were taught to work, while they were also given the advantages of the public schools, in the rude log house on the prairie. At great sacrifice and cost he gave one academic and collegiate privileges, but the loss of that son discouraged like effort for others.

HIS RELIGIOUS HABITS.

It was in that log school house that the writer, who became his pastor, often met him, and his family, or part of them, on a Sabbath afternoon, or every third Tuesday for an hour of Christian worship, and almost as frequently at his own hospitable home and table. It was a help and refreshment to wearied body and mind to receive a cordial welcome. It was the "giving a cup of cold water for the sake of Christ." Yet Mr. Fish had made no profession of religion. It was almost a surprise when he, who had been so long a silent listener, called at my house in the summer of 1855 to converse upon religion. He had often called before to leave some token of regard, or do some favor. This time his whole theme was on the duty of confessing Christ as his saviour. He with his wife, united with the Congregational church at Oregon City September 2, 1855, and remained a faithful member over twenty-nine years till his death. When doing his heavy clearing and farm work with oxen—having no horses—he frequently came to church with all his family seven miles in his ox-wagon, arriving in good time for morning service and returning home in the afternoon. He did not deem this a hardship or a sacrifice, but a reasonable duty to keep the Sabbath and worship in the house of God when possible.

CHANGE OF OCCUPATION.

Having by hard work gained some degree of competence and wishing to give his family more school privileges and to be nearer church, he sold his claim, bought a business lot and store in town and became a merchant.

It was his maxim to buy goods at cash rates and pay for them on delivery. As far as possible he sold on the same plan. In this way he won confidence as a business man among merchants and among his customers as well. Slowly but steadily his property increased so that he became independent and free from anxiety about support in old age. His children had homes of their own, or adequate incomes from their chosen business.

TIME OF REST.

It was the hope and expectation of his friends that relief from care and labor would restore his vigor and prolong his life of usefulness to the church and to the community, and of enjoyment with his family. But he was doomed to disappointment. He had given up business only in time to realize that a fatal disease (resembling Bright's) brought on by repeated strains of lifting, was destroying his vitality. He was compelled day by day and inch by inch to battle with this foe, finally to be overcome and to find no rest this side of the grave. Increasing weakness and pain marked the last eighteen months of his life, and prevented his usual vivacity and hopefulness. The progress of disease cast a gloom over all the objects of life, yet cheer came from the constant kindness of wife and children, and the visits of friends, especially those who could bring a Christian word or offer a prayer.

HIS CHARACTER.

He had considered and helped the poor, visited and comforted the sick, watched with dying and smoothed their pillow, and every similar act done for him by wife, child or friend was a welcome cordial to assuage his own sufferings.

His life had not been marked by display, but by diligence, economy, steadfast honesty, truth, temperance, faithfulness to what seemed to him to be the duty of the day and hour. If at any time he appeared to lose interest in the community, or in the church, it could be traced to a distrust of methods or of customs. His views of duty were always serious and sober. He had no veil of lightness or trifling, and had little patience with frivolety of any kind. He turned from it, and often rebuked it sharply, not meaning to offend, but to warn and save.

He loved the church of Christ, and cordially welcomed all Christians, joining in their services, while true as a member and officer in his own. He gave regularly for the support of the gospel, as a matter of principle, and became one of those most expended upon, so long as health continued. Though absent, his wish was to remain a member of the church of his first choice, and he hoped that no rule would be enforced on him, to transfer himself to a new church home. There he had confessed Christ to be his Lord and Savior. There he had borne witness for the blessed gospel. There he had learned more and more of the priceless sureness and power in the soul. There were his long-tried and trusted and loved friends. There was his church home. His charity and forbearance grew with years. He had done what he could in defense of right and truth on earth. He saw that the end was near. The agony, the paralysis, the hours of fainting, the partial recovery, the certain relapse, the more frequent paroxysms of distress, were all admonitions to him. The mention of friends whom he would see no more on earth, the last brief visits to beloved children and grandchildren, the final farewell to outward scenes, the lingering look at room and loved ones around his bed, the clasp of hands, the response, "I am anxious to go," were signs to others of the change. There was no complaint, not a murmur, often saying of brother Whitlock, "only gone before." There was last seeming recognition, the closing eyes; all is over; pain ceases. His soul is at rest in the mansion prepared by the Savior whom he trusted and confessed before men.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."—Psalm 116:15.

Literature in Arkansas.

Brooklyn Eagle.

An Arkansas literary society recently discussed the question:

Resolved, That a circus is superior to a district school as a civilizing agent.

The circus packed the convention from the start. Only one orator got up to speak for the district school. He was the teacher, and the president fined him twice and then made him sit down. The fine was for calling Pom peroy Pomyanyee, and saying there were more schools in Boston than in Little Rock, and he was made to sit down for uttering atheistic sentiments when he denied that "Root hog or die" was to be found in the Bible. To crown his disgrace, the president, in summing up, referred to his remarks as indicating to what a low state of knowledge and morals the habit of attending district schools would bring a man. He then decided the question in favor of the circus, collecting the fines from the unhappy pedagogue, and the society went out and spent the money for bread.

Mr. Bancroft's last revision of his history is now nearing completion, and, when spring comes, he expects to take a rest, for he is now 84 years of age. "He is as bright and cheerful as ever," said a friend who had just come from spending an afternoon with him. "It is perfectly wonderful the health and vigor and elasticity, and even boyishness, that that man retains. He is as young in his feelings and habits as most men at half his age. Strong, healthful, cheerful in the extreme, full of talk upon topics of the day, it is hard to realize, except from his very white hair and beard and the wonderful fund of information which he has accumulated in his long life, that you are talking to a man above 65 or 80. He is looking forward with great zest to the end of his work of revision of his history. He says he is going to play then for the remainder of his life."

LORNE AND LOUISE.

Revival of the Whispers About Their Unhappy Relations.

The Old Story of Canon Duckworth and Her They Recently Renew Their Acquaintance, and Scandal the Cause.

Washington Herald

The house of Hanover has had an evil notoriety for consanguinity, the result of the dynastic infidelities of its founders. George III was an exception to the condemnation, but his sons illustrated the family failings with an energy that made up for lost time. Human nature is the same among royal personages as among subjects. When the gardener loves a simple Marquis of Abercarnie, the Princess Louise, by compulsion is ill were. London society shook its head and whispered that no good could come of such a union. As everybody remembers, the marriage was very unexpected and hastily brought about. Queen Victoria's children had among their instructors a young tutor named Duckworth, who, after a brilliant course at Oxford, had taken holy orders. He was an extremely handsome fellow, whose stalwart figure and erect bearing gave him more the air of a Life Guardsman than a curate. The Princess Louise was and is still the handsomest of the queen's daughters, and the waywardness of her grandfather the Duke of Kent, seems to have cropped out very strongly in her temperament as we dim as in her brother the Prince of Wales. In 1868, when the Princess Louise was 20 years old the Rev. Mr. Duckworth became the instructor of the young members of the royal family in English literature and history. He also had out-door guest studies in her educational course, as her mother directed her to join her younger brother, Leopold, and her sister, Beatrice, in their studies.

THE LOVERS.

This she did but with much confusion of countenance. But she had to obey orders. The girl's mood soon changed. The young teacher had been selected as much for his pleasant ways and good looks as for scholarship. He had a fine voice, and sometimes sang to the piano. Princess Louise, who was fond of music, and could herself sing charmingly, soon became tired, and as their mother desired that they should not be too closely confined, while never they wished they were permitted to run off and play, and the young Princess Louise sat and listened to her handsome young teacher (only about six years older than herself) read the poet laureate's most beautiful lines. Mr. Duckworth was the first man (not of her own family) she had ever been permitted to associate with. The queen saw no danger, for was he not a clergyman? But clergymen—that is, young curates—are only human after all, and the first thing he knew he had fallen, desperately in love with his fair young pupil, even though she was a royal princess, and, under the inexorable laws of caste, separated as far from him as are the poles. What did she do? Fancy the ladies, young and old, who may do her the honor to read this, will ask. Well, all I can say is that she was a woman and young, of a passionate nature, with a strong inherited heart way to willfulness. Illustrious dukes of high rank in England usually manage to say that she made love to her tutor. This I doubt, for the fifteen Duckworth does not look like a man who would wait for a woman to make love to him. Any way, the two lived in a fool's paradise for many months.

THE QUEEN'S WRATH.

Of course this could not go long unnoticed. There are sharp eyes about courts, and Windsor is no exception to the usual rule. It soon became known all over the palace that Louise was very much in love with her handsome tutor. One day an applicable person brought it her duty to tell the queen. If it was bitterest disappointment had befallen her child, the sluggish blood of matron who rules England would not have been more horror-stricken. With her German education, and hedged in as she always had been by etiquette, she could not understand how her daughter could so far forget her rank and ill-nature. She found the young lady very difficult to manage. All the sullen stubbornness of her mother's race seemed concentrated in her. Nothing was more certain than that she was madly in love with the young clergyman, and he returned it in a manly, chivalrous way, which unfolded forth all the constancy, romance and feeling of the girl's nature. What was to be done was a very difficult question to answer. A family council was called. The Prince of Wales and Duke of Connaught were rather in favor of allowing their sister to follow the inclinations of her heart (though it would have been an unprecedented thing), and let the curate marry her. But the Crown Princess of Germany and Princess Alice Maud refused to hear of such a thing. "She shall give him up," said her mother, passionately, "or I will know why." There is no doubt but that the girl knew her lover would be in great danger if she did not obey her mother's command. The days of "secrets de cachet" are done, but there was nothing the extent to which the queen would go rather than see her daughter married to a curate.

LOOK OUT FOR A HUSBAND.

So it was resolved in the family council that Louise should be found for Louise without any delay. There was no sovereign in Europe who had asked for her, but as after much thought her mother decided that the only cure for the Duckworth affair was marriage, it has to be. The ranks of the higher nobility of England were carefully examined. There were half a dozen young dukes and marquises who were eligible under stress of the necessities of the occasion, but they preferred to select their wives in their own way and time; and so the intimation that the queen wanted a son-in-law was declined with thanks. The country, however, canvassed in the candidates for this extraordinary proceeding were considered in a way that was anything but complimentary to the lady who was to be disposed of.

The queen's attention had been directed to the Marquis of Lorne, the Duke of Argyll's eldest son, some years before, mainly because of his extraordinary goody-goodiness. He was a model of all the virtues, albeit he is rather on the "stiff Surface order. He neither gambled nor drank, and was correctly reported to pass his time mainly in the perusal of goody books. After the more eligible men had been canvassed without success, her majesty bethought herself of the young Highland model of all the Christian virtues, and she directed General Lord Ponsonby, private secretary, to summon the Duke of Argyll to Windsor. To him she stated the case. There were difficulties. The Campbells (Argyll's family name) are Presbyterians of the driest Scottish type, while the queen is the official head of the established church. Then the Princess Louise violently disliked Lord Lorne. But such a trivial matter as suiting the man her mother had chosen for her husband was not allowed to interfere for a moment with the selection, and so loving one man, she was compelled to marry another.

LORD LORNE'S TROUBLE.

Lord Lorne had an unhappy time with his wife from the beginning. She despised him, and her brothers, sympathizing with her, showed their dislike to their brother-in-law in every possible way. While the Marquis of Lorne was governor-general of Canada the Princess Louise returned to England, and, declaring that her health necessitated a change of climate, went to Italy. There recently another observed a curious coincidence in this period of her visit there, and one made to the same place by Canon Duckworth for his wife created a sensation in the circles on the principle of marriage for the benefit of his health. When the queen heard that the two were accidentally together at Florence she was furious, and ordered her daughter to return to England at once, and her relations of long standing with the Rev. Mr. Duckworth were "done for" forever. Matters went from bad to worse with the elite of London, and it was during the present year when the princess threw off all pretense and kept at least a hemisphere between herself and her husband. In fact her enemies gave out that Lorne intended, and with justice, to get the queen's consent for the union of Argyll and Campbell the matter would. It was agreed that for the sake of peace and the couple should meet occasionally and pass a few days at the same roof, but even while this is being written the story of Louise and Duckworth is again under the cloud of scandal.

THE WAR'S BEGINNING.

How the Union Soldiers Were Received in Capital Building.

By Percy Pinto.

The first troops which arrived at Washington in April, 1861, were quartered in the capitol. The Pennsylvanians were located in the committee-rooms and offices of the house, the representative hall being reserved for the Second regiment. Armed men and fine rank in platoons at ease ranged massed in these marble corridors and gorgeous rooms, awakening for the deep sense of the power and the absurdity of military rule. On the luxurious divans and brocaded covered sofas lay stretched men who yesterday never before hope. And in such magnificence. The fine tapestried carpet of the floor were strewn in profusion and thrown the suddenly accumulated stores of the commissary department.

Here a side of bacon, there a quarter of beef, or a saddle of mutton, or a Virginian ham, a sandwich, tin dripping-pans, papers of pepper, kegs of salt and cans of vinegar filling up the interstices and rounding up the pyramid. Upon the rich and costly bronze candelabras, upon the gas-burners and upon the gilt branches that held label, the silk and lace curtains, were festooned with knapsack and belt, cartridge-box and bayonet scabbard, the smaller implements and surroundings of a soldier.

In the halls and corridors the men were being drilled and taught the importance of carriages, in broad corridors to the dark and polished Tennessee marble staircasing, were the blue uniforms and rough bearing of the men. Upon the rich encaustic tiles fell with a dull, heavy sound the iron-shod butts of muskets and rifle. The arched and frescoed ceiling echoed and reechoed the jingling clatter of the guards as the recruits perfected themselves in the manual of loading up their pieces. In the senate chamber were quartered the Sixth Massachusetts regiment. Upon the cushioned sofas of the galleries of the senate chamber the men found excellent couches. When they had concluded breakfast in the morning, and the guard for the day had been detailed, the remainder of the command were at their ease. In the vice president's room sat Colonel Jones, the commander of the forces, a free-hearted, soldierly-looking man. The clerk's desk was occupied by the adjutant and his assistants, engaged in making up the muster-roll, returns and requisitions incident to active service. The privates were engaged in the senators' chairs writing letters.

All the subways in the halls of the capitol, and in the old rotunda, had been boxed to preserve it from injury through careless-ness. The pictures in the panels had also been fenced over with heavy planking, which secured them from harm. The portions of the capitol building were barricaded to the hight of about eight feet. The iron plates for the new dome were used for the protection works between the marble columns. Behind these were placed barrels of cement, piles of stone and timber, forming an impenetrable barrier, in the rear of which the troops could take shelter in case of an attack. It seemed a strange contradiction to see the workmen engaged in the construction of the portico, going on with the labor of laying the foundation, amid thousands of armed men; the click of the chisel, the stroke of the hammer, and the ring of the trowel, blending with the word of command, the challenge of the guard, and the tramp of the battalions drilling in the corridors. So reluctant was civilization to recede before the advancing desolation of war but the artisan lingered to enrich with his skill the parapet and dome that the morrow may see it raised to their foundations. Within a musket range of the outposts of the troops were even then a score of men chiseling in marble the flowers and clusters of grape and ivy wreaths, with which the finished portions of the capitol were so profusely decorated.

English Synonyms.

The copiousness of the English tongue, as well as the difficulty of acquiring the ability to use its immense vocabulary correctly, is well exhibited in the following array of synonymous words, which, if not new, is yet a capital illustration of the embarrassing variety which they exercise so many of readers. It is no wonder that we slip occasionally, even the wariest of us. A little girl was looking at the picture of a number of ships, when she exclaimed: "See what a flock of ships!" We corrected her by saying that a fleet of ships is call d a fleet, and not a flock of sheep is called a flock. And before we were told, for the benefit of the foreigner who is mastering the intricacies of our language in respect to nouns of multitude, that a flock of girls is called a bevy, that a bevy of wolves is called a pack, and that a pack of thieves is called a gang, and that a gang of angels is called a host, and a host of porpoises is called a shoal, and a shoal of buffaloes is called a herd, and a herd of children is called a troop, and a troop of partridges is called a covey, and a covey of beauties is called a galaxy, and a galaxy of ruffians is called a horde, and a horde of rubbish is called a heap, and a heap of oxen is called a drove, and a drove of blackguards is called a mob, and a mob of whales is called a school, and a school of worsh ppers is called a congregation, and a congregation of mourners is called a pack, and a pack of cowards is called a herd, and a herd of beasts